

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 8-21 are pending in this application. Claim 7 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer in the Supplemental Preliminary Amendment filed July 23, 2004. The restriction requirement imposed in the Office Action mailed December 14, 2004 has been withdrawn.

**The Nonstatutory Double Patenting Rejection of Claims 1-6 and 8-21**

Claims 1-6 and 8-21 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-20 of U.S. Patent No. 6,458,785 and claims 1-20 of U.S. Patent No. 6,310,080.

In the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) over the above-cited U.S. Patent Nos. 6,458,785 and 6,310,080, as well as related U.S. Patent Nos. 6,730,669; 5,968,970; 5,965,601; and 5,756,533.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

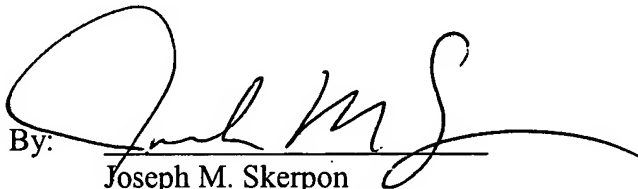
In view of the Terminal Disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c), filed herewith, all pending claims of this application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Acknowledgement of the same is respectfully requested.

This response is believed to completely address all of the substantive issues raised in the Office Action dated June 1, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

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